Database on Foreign Universities

1124. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce some form of regulatory framework for foreign educational institutions operating in India;

(b) if so, whether there have been any complaints of malpractices by such institutions;

(c) whether Government have any database on foreign universities operating in India and the students on their rolls; and

(d) whether any Committee has been set up for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The University Grants Commission has framed draft Regulations for the entry into and operation of foreign universities/educational institutions in India. The draft Regulations are under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) No database on operation of foreign universities operating in India is being maintained centrally at present. However, the Government has constituted a committee called 'Committee for Promotion of Indian Education Abroad' with the twin objective of promoting Indian education abroad and regulating operations of foreign educational institutions in India.

Reduction of Seats in Engineering Colleges

†1125. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council of Technical Education has taken a decision to reduce the number of seats for students in engineering colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise, especially in respect of Chhattisgarh; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to provide adequate facilities in engineering colleges by the All India Council of Technical Education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) As per the

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